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Annual Musicale to Draw Large Audiences

By Pam Gersten

The band and orchestra will be playing, the vocal groups will be singing and the modern dancers will be dancing tomorrow and Saturday evening at the annual musicale. Tickets have been on sale through the Music Department for the past month, and the auditorium promises to be full each night when the curtain rises at 8:15 P.M.

Teachers and students have been working assiduously to make this an outstanding performance. The orchestra, under the direction of Mr. William Shine, will present a variety of both classical and popular music: "Procession of the Meistersinger" by Wagner, arranged by Herfurth; "Belle of the Ball" by Leroy Anderson; "Russian Sailor's Dance by Glirre, "Syncopated Clock" by Leroy Anderson, and "Ballet" from *On Your Toes* by Richard Rodgers.

Marches and Show Tunes

Mr. Gerald Heffron will lead the band in a series of marches and show tunes, including "The Traveler Overture" by Forest L. Buchtel, "Air for Band" by Frank Erickson, "Burst of Flame Concert March" by Richard W. Bowles, "The Maracaibo" by John J. Morrissey, and highlights from *My Fair Lady* by Lerner and Loew.

This year, in commemoration of the death of George Frederick Handel in 1759, the mixed chorus, under the baton of Mrs. Marie Salzberg, will sing his famous "Hallelujah Chorus" from the *Messiah*. Also included will be a spiritual, "Wade in the Water"; the familiar "Old Kentucky Home" by Stephen Foster; a Russian chant, "Hospodi Pomilui"; the ever-popular "Showboat Medley"; and "Poor Wayfaring Stranger," with tenor soloist Philip Nilsen.

Girls Chorus to Perform

The girls chorus, under the direction of Mr. Herbert Lessell, chairman of the Music Department, will sing "Invocation of Orpheus" by Jacobo

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Editors Visit NBC Studio; Discuss News

By Pam Gersten

Representatives from five hundred public, parochial, and private high schools from New Jersey, New York and Connecticut participated in the First Annual NBC Broadcast News Conference for High School Editors, in Studio 8H, February 20, from 9:45 A.M. until 9:00 P.M. Your reporter represented Fort Hamilton.

Newsmen Address Students

Highlights of the conference were talks by Mr. Chet Huntley, NBC news commentator; Mr. David Garroway, host of the NBC-TV "Today" program; Mr. Kenneth Banghart; Mr. Gabe Pressman; Mr. Lindsey Nelson; Mr. Leon Pearson; and Mr. John K. M. McCaffery.

With the aid of a live international hook-up, several students were able to interview foreign correspondents in London, Berlin and Paris. They also spoke with Mr. David Brinkley, then in Washington, D. C.

Radio Journalism Expanding

The talks mainly concerned the expanding field of broadcast journalism,

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Arista Elects 4 New Officers

The Arista Society last month elected Alan Levin Boy Leader, Randi Joberg Girl Leader, Florence Beller Secretary, and Walter Lassen Treasurer, for the year beginning September 1959.

Said Mrs. Mary Catania, Arista adviser, "These students are very proud of the fact that they will be serving their school in such an important and rewarding way. They will take full charge of the Arista tutoring service and preside over the Arista meetings."

According to Mrs. Catania, the officers will also plan the installation and spring parties during the school year, and will supervise the various projects that the Arista is called upon to do.

Will Conduct at Musicale

Photo by Bob Chartrand

Mr. Herbert Lessell, acting chairman of the Music Department; Mrs. Marie Salzberg; Mr. Gerald Heffron and Mr. William Shine take a few minutes off for the *Pilot* photographer.

Curtaintimers Busily Rehearsing 'Dear Ruth'

By Amy Hittner

Spring fever is a malady that strikes everyone around this time of the year, that is, all except Fort Hamilton's Curtaintimers, who are earnestly rehearsing for the varsity show, *Dear Ruth*, to be performed Friday and Saturday evening, May 22 and 23.

The plot revolves about Miriam Wilkins who writes letters to a soldier in the army, Bill Seawright, and signs her sister Ruth's name to them. What happens when the soldier visits his "pen pal" is the basis of the play.

Cast of Ten

Charlottee Greenberg will be seen in the title role of Ruth, and is co-starred with Allan Edelman as the soldier. Both Charlotte and Al will be remembered for their performances in last year's show, *The Man Who Came to Dinner*.

Allan Pierce, another veteran, will appear as Ruth's civilian suitor, Albert Kummer. Ruth's letter-writing sister is played by Camille Sorice, a newcomer to the dramatics society.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins are portrayed

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Seniors: Start Job Interviews!

"Attention, all seniors! Now is the time when students planning to work next year should start their job interviews. The quicker they start, the greater the opportunity!"

These were the words of Mr. Herman Fishman, Job Placement Representative in Fort Hamilton High School. "I wish to stress that (1) students should create a desirable interview impression; (2) they should inform me of the results."

Interested students are advised to consult promptly with Mr. Fishman, room 123, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Seniors Elect 31 Celebrities

By Maxine Rosenzweig

Following the tradition of their predecessors, the seniors elected their qualifying classmates to twenty-two positions as senior celebrities. The lucky ones were introduced at the March 11 assembly.

The winners of the election by popular vote are: *Most Likely To Succeed*: Dominick Di Mauro; *Star Reporter*: Jonathan Charney; *Class Musicians* Judy Gallo and Carlos Martinez; *Vogue*: Sally Nelson; *Esquire*: Michael Desiano; *Marge and Gower Champion*: Heike De Blasio and William Murphy; *Mr. and Mrs. Fort Hamilton*: Richard Tomasetti and Joan Amatucci.

Did Most for the School: Barbara Bold; *Rembrandt*: Pamela Siller; *Boy Class Athlete*: William Conte; *Girl Class Athlete*: Mara Milgravis; *King and Queen of Hearts*: Ralph Contessa and Janet Hardiman; *Pin-up*: Jean Cacavale; *Class Scientists*: Margaret Moore and Hans Aus; *Class Singers*: Dolores Celli and Edward Thompson.

Class Wit: Renee Takla; *Boy Personality Kid*: Jay Cohen; *Girl Personality Kid*: Blanche Usaitis; *Shutterbug*: Bob Chartrand; *Joe and Jane*

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Witty, Versatile Senior Plans to Attend Cornell

By Maxine Rosenzweig

Meet Karen Swenson, a pretty, intelligent, vivacious senior who amuses fellow students with her witty remarks as well as her column "Backwash" in this newspaper.

To her close friends, there are many facets to Karen's personality. Those who know her will say simply and earnestly that she is not only ambitious, but talented and competent as well.

She has displayed this ambition, talent, and competence in many capacities: editor-in-chief of the *Tower*, vice-president of the Psychology Club, reporter and feature writer on the *Pilot*, member of the mixed chorus, of the Beacons, and—what makes her proudest of all—of the Arista.

Time for Outside Interests

Karen says that her numerous school activities have not compelled her to eliminate her outside interests, and that she somehow manages to find time to accomplish things which appeal to her.

She enjoys listening to all kinds of music, especially classical and show tunes. Her primary hobby is reading, but she finds it difficult to choose a favorite book or author. Explains Karen, "I have my favorites in poetry, essays, fiction, biography and autobiography. In fact, I have many favorites."

Karen relishes reading *Mad*, speak-

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Pilot Captures CSPA Award

The *Pilot* has won its tenth annual First Place Award in the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Contest.

One of 45 New York City publications to receive a First Place rating, the *Pilot* showed up well, scoring between 850 and 1000 points. The exact number of points will not be available until the official scorebook is received.

Seven newspapers in New York City received the top award of Medalist. All together, nearly 1600 newspapers participated in the annual nation-wide CSPA contest.

The editorial board of the *Pilot* consists of the following: Margaret Moore, editor-in-chief; Jacquelyn Appel, assistant; Pamela Gersten, news editor; Jonathan Charney, sports editor; Jonathan Kamin, circulation manager; Kenneth Ward, assistant; and Carol Anne Rabe, advertising manager.

Science Editor Gives Views on Reporting

By Jocelyn Jansen

The day was sunny and mild with a hint of spring when your reporter set out to discover what a distinguished journalist is like. Mr. Earl Ubell, science editor of the New York *Herald Tribune*, and winner of the Lasker Award for a series of articles on medical journalism, entitled "Will You Have a Heart Attack?", was busily planting a tree in his Paramus, New Jersey, garden.

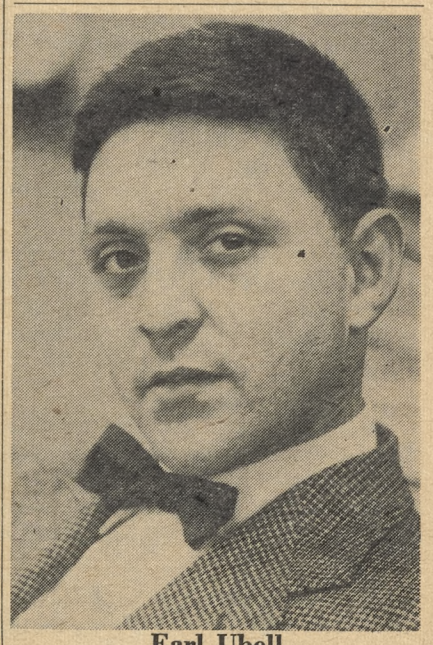
How did he get into journalism? "Well, I guess I really got started back in Tilden High School, Brooklyn, as a reporter and editor-in-chief of the school newspaper, *Tilden Topics*. At that time I was planning to be a physicist. While attending City College, I majored in science during the day and worked as a secretary for the *Herald Tribune* at night."

Covered Exciting Stories

By the time Mr. Ubell graduated from college, he had decided to become a journalist. He became a full-fledged reporter on the *Tribune*, covering murder stories and other types of news. When asked how he became a science editor, he replied, "I was lucky—everyone who preceded me either left or died."

Mr. Ubell talked about numerous events he had covered. "Perhaps what I remember most," said he, "was the firing of the first American satellite at Cape Canaveral. It was very exciting." He was also present at the first and second Atoms for Peace conferences and covered the announcement of the success of the Salk vaccine.

Does so friendly a man as Mr. Ubell ever have any problems while



Earl Ubell

covering a story? "I certainly do," he replied. "My main one is getting

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The Editors Say...

Blame Yourself

Tomorrow afternoon many frenzied Hamiltonites will be making their last fruitless attempts to inveigle little blue and green cards from their "dearest" friends.

Tomorrow and Saturday evening, many other Hamiltonites, along with their parents and friends, will be attending a performance which has all the signs of being a smash hit—the spring musicale.

Musicales are not new in our school. Last year there was a magnificent one in which the school band spectacularly presented such pieces as "Colonel Bogey" and "Mardi Gras"; the girls chorus, boys chorus and mixed chorus gave beautiful renditions of well-known songs; and the orchestra excelled in its presentation of several classical and semi-classical numbers.

This year's show promises to outdo all previous ones. The many songs that will be sung by the three choral groups, and the ten pieces that will be played by the band and the orchestra, promise an evening of superb entertainment. But that is not all! As an added attraction, Hamilton's talented Modern Dance Group will execute a hillbilly and a jazz number.

Don't you unlucky ones wish you had bought your tickets weeks ago instead of scurrying frantically around in a desperate effort to obtain them? H-m-m-m . . .

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We Love Us

Have you ever noticed the six words, *First Place, Columbia Scholastic Press Association,* which form the second and third lines of our masthead?

This notation represents the award given annually to top-ranking school publications across the country. The award of first place requires that the newspaper score between 850 and 1000 points on items such as content, makeup, and headlines. The judges cross-examine each paper right down to the size of its masthead! A detailed score booklet is then sent to the rated papers.

We are proud that the *Pilot* has emerged, for the tenth time, a First Place winner. And we commend the CSPA for creating standards of journalism by which the nation's junior publications may be rated and improved, while future journalists are learning their trade.

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Helpful Hands

While browsing around in our school library the other day, we noticed an aura of activity unusual in a reading place. The cause? Our never-unoccupied librarians doing their utmost to help every student find the books, magazines, or information he lacked.

We send a great quantity of gratitude to the members of the staff in room 214, student assistants as well as librarians, who are always so eager to give aid to those in distress.

We feel sure that many who are silent have, in their hearts, blessed them scores of times.

Words on Words

By Jacquelyn Appel

The word America has a German origin meaning "rich through work."

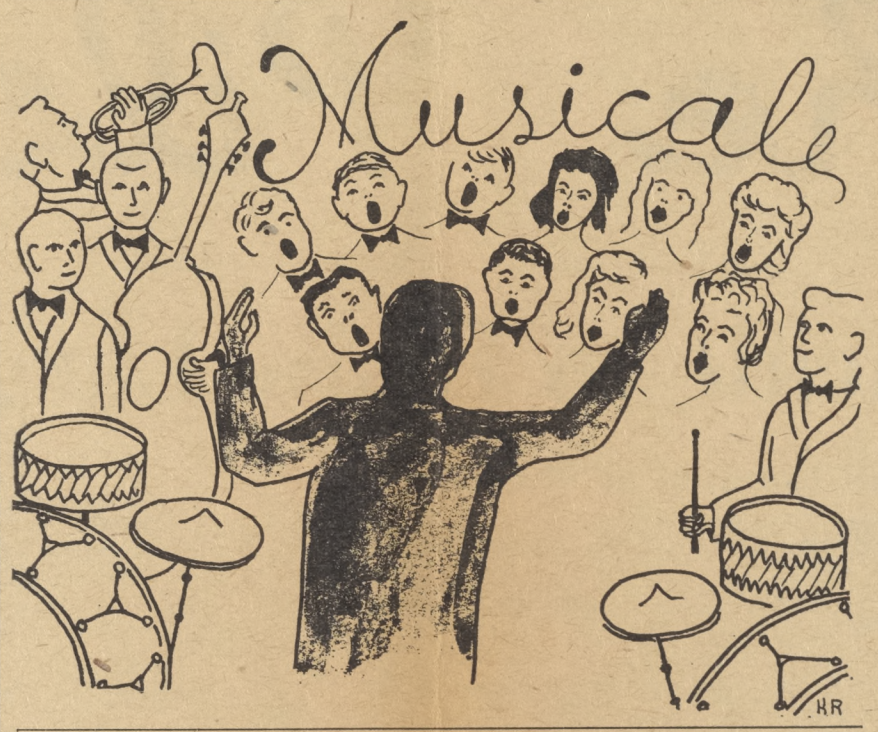
The city of Detroit has a name with a French origin and, familiarly enough to us, means "The Narrows."

Bâton Rouge means "red stick" in French. The city in Louisiana which bears this name received it from explorers who saw a giant red cypress tree when they came to the spot where the city now stands.

Florida means "flowery." It was once part of the name *Pascua Florida,* "Flowery Easter," which Ponce de Leon gave to the land when he arrived there on Easter Sunday and found the countryside blooming with flowers.

Our pioneers had a keen sense of humor. American cities have such names as Looneyville, West Virginia; Double Trouble, New Jersey; Hell, Michigan; Peculiar, Missouri; Lousy Level, Nevada; Rocky Comfort, Missouri; and Boggy Depot and Battiest, Oklahoma.

Los Angeles means "The Angels"; *Vermont* means "Green Mountains"; *Las Vegas* means "The Plains"; and *Des Moines,* the city "of the monks."



Pilot Reporters Visit Narrows Ave. Mansion

By Margaret Moore

On the corner of 83rd Street and Narrows Avenue stands a dark stone mansion that has aroused the curiosity of hundreds and hundreds of Fort Hamiltonites. They refer to it by various enigmatic titles, including the "Gingerbread House" and the "French Chateau."

Kenneth Ward, assistant circulation manager of the *Pilot,* and your reporter have completed a moderately successful investigation of the "Gingerbread House," as well as of the rambling yellow "Spanish Villa" opposite it.

House a Wedding Present

The present occupant of the "Gingerbread House," Mrs. Eunice Anzalone, knows little of its history. According to her, the house was built for a Mrs. Jones, formerly of the "Spanish Villa," as a wedding present for her son. His widow sold it to the Anzalones thirteen years ago. The pair of houses, although having dissimilar exteriors, shows the same lavish interior construction.

Floors of Teakwood

The floors of the "Gingerbread House" are of hand-pegged teakwood, the walls are of exquisitely paneled mahogany, and the ceilings are decorated with hand-painted canvases. Imported Italian tile, brick, and marble were used in the fireplaces and fountains. Surrounding the fireplaces are carefully wrought plaster carvings. Like a medieval mansion, the massive front door is barred and bolted in iron.

Legends in Stained Glass

Even the style of architecture is undetermined. In the plasterwork, tilework, and stained glass run many legends and pictorial designs in old English lettering. One iron knocker refers to the English "Peeping Tom" story. However, French fleurs-de-lis and coats-of-arms are also inscribed on the walls. Mrs. Anzalone has been told that every symbol in the house has some significance, but she has never found a person to explain these symbols or to fathom the builder's whims.

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WESTWARD HO!

When horses' hoofs go *clippity-clop,*
And shotgun shells go *pop! pop! pop!*
As they ping against the barrel staves
To the *ugh! ugh! ugh!* of painted braves,
Down the road 'neath a twinkling star
Comes the *plink, plank, plunk* of a lone guitar.

We can all relax with a whoosh of relief,
In spite of the yelps of the Indian chief,
For the distant jangle of spurs will mean
Brave Cowboy Jack jogs to the scene,
With gnashing teeth and tightened rein,
To save that creaky wagon train.

Nancy Raphael, 2B2

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FRENCH 3

I think that I shall never see
A language teacher made for me;
For though I work and slave all day,
I get a zero anyway.

My homework never seems to end,
Although I copy from a friend;
And when the tortured term is through,
I find I get a 52.

I really hate to be so rude,
But I am in a failing mood.
Poems are made by fools like me,
But I prefer to pass French 3.

Harvey Wachtel, 3B16

Round About

By Carol Anne Rabe

Question: What subject has been of greatest value to you in high school?

Alanson Huntsberry, 1A13:
English. I plan to be a reporter on a newspaper.

Tania Khodjamirian, 3C22:
French. I have an avid interest in foreign languages. Some day I plan to travel around the world and visit many foreign lands.

Anne Hicks, 4B12:
Mathematics. I enjoy math very much, aside from the fact that I hope to make it my vocation.

Linda Picarelli, 4A15:
Lunch, study, and English.

Charles P. Flanagan, 4B4:
I think my most enlightening subject was chemistry, but biology was the most interesting.

Karen Stavenos, 4A11:
English, because it gave me a chance to read interesting books about different people and places.

Carol Hutson, 2B12:
World Geography. I plan to become a history teacher.

Judy Poulos, 2B12:
Stenography, because it will be valuable to me in later years. I am now putting to good use what little I know.

Andris Rasmanis, 4A5:
Chemistry, because it taught me how to study a science correctly.

Athena Constantine, 3A19:
Major Art. I plan to make art my vocation and become an interior decorator.

Phyllis Quartararo, 3A9:
English. I feel that I have gained an immense amount of knowledge from books I've read in high school.

· Backwash ·

By Karen Swenson

It is at this time of year that teachers may develop wild light in their eyes and diabolical grins on their lips. The student need not worry about this. It is when the major symptom has manifested itself that the student begins to develop a few symptoms of his own. This teacher-manifestation is the test-giving fever, or EXAM virus. When it is communicated to the student, he develops a furtive look, large bags beneath his eyes, and a limp and swollen wrist, not to mention the weak and addled state that characterizes his brain.

All Kinds of Tests

Tests, for the uninitiated (if there are any), come in many shapes and forms. There is the quiz, a comparatively mild form of torture. There is nothing that can forestall it, except to dispose of all the little yellow slips of paper used on such occasions. This won't work, of course. The teachers will tell you to use your own.

The most common type of test, however, is the full-period test. This varies, some being of the kind designed to be taken in twice the time allotted, so that although the student may have studied for days, and can write with the speed of light, it is impossible for him to finish in forty minutes.

All Right, All Wrong

Then there is the shorter type, which may be finished in about twenty minutes, leaving the student plenty of time in which to go back over his paper, check his answers, erase half of what has been written, and do it over—only to find later that his original answers were right and that he has made them all wrong.

These exams are usually announced a day or two in advance. This procedure provides the student with sufficient warning so that he makes a firm resolve to study, then forgets completely about it, and remembers at midnight the night before the test. He then has a choice: he can study for the rest of the night or he can abandon the whole idea, roll over, and go to sleep. Either way he fails, for even if he studies, he is so exhausted that he can't keep his eyes open during the crucial hour.

The Pearl Harbor Attack

Another type of test, perhaps the worst, is what is known as the "Pearl Harbor Test," the one given without any warning. This is a double menace because, besides catching the student unprepared, it gives him a shock that requires half the period to recover from.

There is no solution to this problem. The teachers would never consent to the elimination of all tests. After all, what other fun would they get out of life? And this is why, on graduation day, they will have to give us our diplomas through the bars of our little padded cells.

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Books in Our Lives

Books extend our narrow present back into a limitless past. They show us the mistakes of the men before us and share with us recipes for human success. There's nothing to be done which books will not help us to do better. They tell us how to live alone and like it, or how to be happy though married. They teach us to grow thin if fat, fat if thin. They tell us how to keep accounts, repair machines, build houses, make love, bury our dead, till our soil, and lose our wrinkles. They inform us of all things; from how to do wrong legally, up to how to enjoy God mystically. But for this literary enlargement of our narrow present, we would be living like monkeys still.

T. V. Smith, *Our Reading Heritage*

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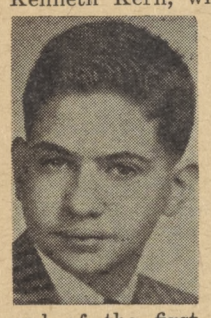
SPORTS DECK

By Jonathan Charney

Mr. Joseph Kottmann, coach of the Blue and White track team, was honored at Madison Square Garden Saturday, March 7, in recognition of his thirty years of service as a track coach of St. Michael's Diocesan High School in Brooklyn. He had served in that capacity from 1927 until 1957.

Mr. Kottmann was one of the founders of the Catholic High School Association. Called an inspiring coach and sincere friend, he was presented with an elegant Schaefer desk set, a token of the high esteem in which he is held by his fellow coaches.

Led by Mr. Francis Ptak and Mr. Kenneth Kern, who scored 15 points each, the faculty last month edged out the seniors 45-42. In this hotly-contested game the lead changed hands many times. The faculty jumped off to a quick 5-0 lead. The seniors tied the score at the end of the first quarter at 10 all. The faculty then extended its lead to 8 points at the half, with the score 25-17.



Teams Play Hard

The seniors pulled to within two points at the end of the third quarter, 32-30, and overcame this deficit in the last quarter when they took the lead. They quickly lost it, however, to the outstanding set shots of Mr. Ptak, who scored six points in the final quarter, and to Mr. Kern, who scored five points in that same period.

The victory was also largely attributed to the rebounding strength of Mr. Kenneth Rooney and Mr. Edward Goate, and to the ballhandling abilities of Mr. Tom Competello and Mr. Howard Hammer.

The other members of the victorious faculty team were: Mr. Arnold Krinsky, Mr. Martin Schachter and Mr. Herbert Schapiro.

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Baseball Team Takes First Two

The Blue and White baseball team was victorious in its first two outings, romping Eli Whitney 11-2 and New Dorp 6-2.

The pitchings staff, consisting of Bill Conte, Bob Lento, and Jim Pryor yielded only nine hits in the two games. Bill Conte received credit for both wins.

Instrumental in the defeat of Eli Whitney was John Railey, who contributed a home run and drove in two RBI's. In the second game Mike Castagnola and Hugh Main each drove in three runs.

Kaare Rafoss Cops City Soccer Honor

Kaare Rafoss, 3A9, was chosen a member of the City All-Scholastic Soccer Team, an honor conferred upon only the eleven best players in the secondary schools of the city. Larry Diamond, captain of the varsity team, received honorable mention.

Kaare, a junior, was among the four highest scorers in the city, and was described by Coach Gordon Lebowitz as "a spark plug to the team." "We all expect Kaare to live up to this honor next season," the coach added.

Mr. Lebowitz was also pleased with the recognition given Larry, and described him as a "bulwark and bull on defense."

Biology Class 1A7 Surveys Smoking Habits of Pupils

By Janet Ray

A survey concerning smoking among Fort Hamilton students, in the form of questionnaires being circulated in science classes, is now being made by Mr. Donald Abramson and five biology students.

The project arose out of a discussion in Mr. Abramson's Biology 1A7 class two months ago. While analyzing the effects of smoking on health, the students realized that statistics concerning teenage smoking were not available. Their curiosity aroused, they decided to conduct a survey on the subject in Fort Hamilton.

Still in Progress

At present Mary D'Agostino, 3A3; Allan, Pierce, 3B10; Kenneth Arnesen, 2BJ20; Paul Maccabee, 2BJ26; and Ernest Pekimezaro, 2B14—all of Biology 1A7—are working with Mr. Abramson on the project.

The survey, still in progress, has two main purposes: to compile facts and statistics relating to what percentage of the student body smoke, and to determine the underlying reasons why a student normally begins the habit. Mr. Abramson is not sure when the survey will be completed, but he plans to publicize the results as soon as they are available.

500 Questionnaires Circulated

Five hundred questionnaires are

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Samples of Spring

Photos by Bob Chartrand

John Raffaniello shows how to swing a golf club, while cindermen Helmuth Mainardy and Kirk Beck wait for the pass during relay practice.

Kenny Sears of Knicks Tells of Rise to Fame

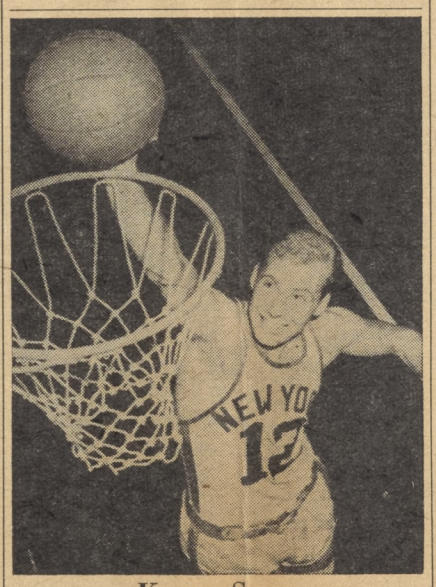
By Jonathan Charney

It wasn't difficult to get an interview with forward Kenny Sears. Seated in my $4.50 seat in the side arena, I had just witnessed the Knickerbocker vs. Philadelphia game and was flushed with victory: the Knicks had won!

I jumped over the seats, ran down the aisle, through the center exit, down one flight of stairs, through a tunnel marked "No Admittance," through a door marked "Private," right into the arms of cigar-smoking Mr. Lester Scott. Just the words "*Pilot*, Fort Hamilton High School" were the open seasame to Kenny Sears. And so I met him in the shower room amid shouts from ten dripping men, "Hey kid, shut the door—we're freezing!"

Began in Elementary School

After the social amenities, including a compliment for my new red



Kenny Sears

shoes, we began the interview.

"I started playing basketball in elementary school when I was the sixth man on a 5-man team," began handsome Kenny. When he entered Watsonville High School, California, he was a mere 5-9, but when he graduated from Santa Clara he was 6-9 and an All-American player. He broke into the majors as a Knick in 1955, but played his first full season in 1956-57.

"Doesn't Shoot Enough"

Willie Nauls interrupted our interview at this point. "Kenny is an excellent player but he doesn't really shoot enough." Imagine a reluctance to shoot, and yet he averages over 21 points a game, making a field goal percentage of .497, the highest in either league.

His 21.2 average is the sixth highest in either league, and the highest on the Knicks; his foul goal percentage

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Trophies Awarded To Girl Keglers

Trophies are being awarded to members of the Girls Bowling Club who obtain a score of 180 or over. The two winners thus far are Wanda Wojcicki, 4A13, and Gwendolyn Edmonds, 3B6. Their top scores are 186 and 184, respectively.

The club, under the supervision of Mrs. Ellen McKee, meets at the Ridge Lane Bowling Alleys on Tuesdays at 3 P.M.

Spring Sports Get Under Way; Teams Hopeful

By Ken Sipley

Last year the Blue and White track team took first place in the Iona and Penn relays; the golf team finished second in the borough; the netmen wound up with a 3-3 record; and the baseball squad ended its string of games with an 11-9 season.

As matters stand now, the track team, under the leadership of Coach Joseph Kottmann, has on the agenda the Iona relays April 17 and 18 and the Penn relays April 24 and 25. May will bring not only the Brooklyn College meet, but also the Brooklyn Automotive and Mt. St. Michael's meets, as well as the P.S.A.L High School Novice Meet, the Dwight Morrow meet in New Jersey, and the Brooklyn Borough Championships. The PSAL City Championships will fall on June 3.

Tartamella Is Captain

Outstanding squad veterans and newcomers are Joe Albano, Martin Antonelli, Ken Borg, George Fjelldal, Jim Forte, Ross Freitas, John Hendrick, Helmuth Mainardy, Joe Spitzkoff, John Zuccarelli, and Kirk Beck.

Also Richard Cerrato, Dave Crane, Bob Cusack, Victor Gerkins, Bob Lundgren, George Mitchell, John Mongelli, Kenneth Ottesen, Don Renertsen, Marty Schwam, Ed Thompson, Steve Shama, John Moore, and Mike Tartamella. Mike is this year's captain.

Golfers All Set

Mr. Matheson's golfers have nine PSAL matches, the first next Monday with Boys High. The team will play three more in April (Lafayette, New Utrecht and Madison). Next month it will tangle with Grady, Lincoln, Erasmus, Midwood and Tech.

The top team comprises John Raffaniello, Bruce Tilton, Bob Khouri, Hank Seidel, Nick Stavriotis, William Phalen, Randy Seifer, Mike Levinson, Robert Halk, Joseph Ward, and Robert Evensen.

Netmen Court Opposition

The tennis team, under the coaching of Mr. Alfred Joltin, will have PSAL matches with Tottenville, Curtis, Port Richmond and Eli Whitney. Other matches (non-PSAL) will also be scheduled.

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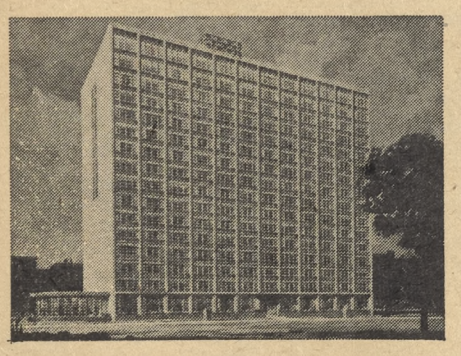

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Compete in UN Contest; 3 Head for Empire State

By Seth Charney

The Social Studies Department believes that while "we read history, we make history."

History was made at the School on the Shore by Juniors Jacquelyn Appel and Fred Buffa when Jacquelyn's paper on the United Nations was chosen the best paper in the school, and Fred's second best. Both papers have been forwarded to the National Committee to compete in the nationwide American Association for the U.N. contest.

2 Boys to Empire State

Fort Hamilton was honored again when Bay Ridge Post 157 of the American Legion invited the Social Studies Department to recommend its outstanding junior boys. Of the six recommended, the Legion committee has chosen two to attend the 1959 session of Empire Boys' State at Colgate College, Hamilton, New York, the last week of June. The following were given this honor: Fred Strobel, 3A13, and Kurt Lauer, 3C26.

Deborah Pisetzner Chosen

The outstanding girl junior chosen by the Social Studies Department to attend the Empire Girls' State at the State University Teachers College, New Paltz, New York, is Deborah Pisetzner, 3A5. Jocelyn Jansen, 3A9, is alternate.

"Both the U.N. contest and participation in Empire State aim to awaken within every student of our nation a sincere conviction that a well informed, intelligent, participating citizenry is vitally needed to protect and preserve our heritage," said Miss Frances Hennessy, chairman of the Social Studies Department.

In Merit Finals

Over 478,000 students were tested in the 1958-1959 National Merit Scholarship competition which began last April. The test results have pared the competitors down to 10,000 finalists, who received Certificates of Merit.

The following Hamiltonites are among the winners of these certificates: Jonathan Kamin, 4A11: Margaret Moore, 4B4; Virginia Wardell, 4A3.

Some 700 of the finalists will be named Merit Scholarship winners this spring. The names of the Certificate of Merit winners are sent to over 1,500 colleges, universities and other scholarship-granting agencies for consideration for thousands of other privately-financed scholarships offered outside the Merit Scholarship Program.

Curtaintimers

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by Herb Futoran and Maxine Rosenzweig; while Susan Yool, Anthony Abraham, Barbara Smith and John Gillespie round out the cast of players.

All Lines Memorized

"Putting on a play is a painstaking job," said Mr. Philip Eisman, director of the group. "The month of March was spent blocking out the play. [Blocking is a theatrical term for instructing the actors where to sit, how to walk, talk and deliver lines.] By April," he continued, "all of the lines were memorized, and next Thursday rehearsals will move from room 314 to the auditorium stage. There the play will be polished and made ready for the performances."

Tickets will soon be on sale in the various English classes at $1.00 each. There will be general admission only —that is, no reserved seats.

Biology Chairman Working on Book

Miss Evelyn Morholt, Chairman of the Biology and General Science Department, is collaborating in writing another science textbook for teachers. In conjunction with Mr. Alexander Joseph of the Bronx High School of Science, and Dr. Paul Brandwein, formerly chairman of Science at Forest Hills High School, she is working on a text to be entitled *A Sourcebook for Physical Sciences*, to be published by Harcourt, Brace and Company at the end of this year.

This text will be a companion volume to their *Sourcebook for the Biological Sciences* and will also stress classroom techniques for science teachers.

Karen Swenson

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ing on the telephone, and indulging in an occasional pizza or dish of olives.

Seeks Writing Career

Her greatest ambtition is to be successful in the field of creative writing, and she has already achieved some degree of "success" in this field. Last year she placed third in New York City in an essay contest sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce on the topic "Respect for the Rights of Others." Karen feels that she owes a great deal to her English teachers, especially to Mr. Jerome Carlin and Miss Margaret Haigney, who have inspired her to write creatively.

In September she will probably attend Cornell, where she has been accepted, and major in English.

Musicale

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Peri, "Panis Angelicus" by Cesar Franck, "Climbin' Up the Mountain" by Noble Cain, "Maiden Fair" by Haydn, "Alleluja" by Mozart, and "Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor" by Irving Berlin.

The boys chorus, also under Mr. Lessell's supervision, will be making its second consecutive performance in a musicale. The members will sing "Adoramus Te" by G. P. da Palestrina, "Talley Ho" by Franco Leoni, "Aura Lee" by George R. Poulton, and "Joshua Fit De Battle Ob Jericho," arranged by Harvey Gaul, with tenor soloist Joseph Imbriale.

The audience will watch the Modern Dancers, under the direction of Miss Margaret Monsen, do a hillbilly number to "Good Old Mountain Dew" and "Comes Love" from the musical production *Yokel Boy*.

PTA to Hold Card Party May 1

The Parent Teachers Association of Fort Hamilton High School will have its annual card party Friday evening, May 1, at 8 P.M., in the boys gymnasium.

The purpose of the card party is to raise funds for the school. According to Miss Elizabeth Ahearn, vice-president, "Students can help make this affair a success by asking their parents to attend." A number of prizes will be awarded to winners.

Last month's meeting of the PTA featured a music program, presented under the direction of Mr. Herbert Lessell, chairman of the Music Department.

Officers of the PTA, besides Miss Ahearn, are: Mr. Salvatore Salomone, president; Mrs. Eugene Olson, recording secretary; Mr. Martin Sorensen, treasurer; and Mrs. Caesar Pucci, corresponding secretary.

Spring Sports

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first line of defense. Tryouts are still being held at the Delahunt Courts, 64th Street, between 4th and 5th Avenues.

24 Baseball Games

Under Mr. Francis Ptak's sharp eye, the baseball team will play a tough season of 24 games, ten of them PSAL. Last month it met Eli Whitney High School. This month games are scheduled with New Dorp, Poly Prep, Brooklyn Tech, St. Michael's, Manual, New Utrecht, George Westinghouse, Lincoln, Grady, McKee, Lafayette and Manual.

Next month the nine will play East New York, New Utrecht, St. Francis, Lincoln, Grady, St. John, Lafayette, St. Michael's, Poly Prep, and Sheepshead Bay.

Returning veterans are Arthur Jones, John Railey, Mike Castignola, Vincent Schettini, Joe Tavolacci, Bill Conte, Bob Russo, Joe Russo, Ernie Lindblad, and Dennis Murphy.

NBC Studio

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how to prepare for the career, and how to succeed in it. The audience listened to Pauline Frederick, United Nations Correspondent for NBC news, report on the "Opportunities for Women in Broadcast Journalism," and Mr. Bob Wilson, Mr. Robert Priaulx (NBC television director), Mr. Bill Ryan and Mr. Thomas Howell speak on the important tools used in broadcast journalism. The actual telecast of the Gabe Pressman news report, "Weather 6," and the "Huntley-Brinkley Report" were viewed by the editors in the studio.

Prizes for Conference Coverage

The first NBC News Working Fellowship Award, to be given for the best coverage of the conference by one of the student editors, was announced by Mr. Robert Sarnoff, Chairman of the Board of NBC. First prize will be a $75 per week summer job as an NBC desk assistant, and a portable typewriter; second through tenth prizes will be portable typewriters.

The high school representatives were guests of NBC for the day. They were served light breakfast upon arrival at 9:45 A.M., and lunch and dinner as the day progressed. The conference was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Kenny Sears

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is .858, second highest in either league, and highest on the Knicks. His 41 points against Detroit was the second highest in Knick history, and his 38 points led the Knicks again this year. Other team highs include 15 foul goals in one game, 24 rebounds in one game, and 16 of 18 foul shots in one game.

Petit Pretty Tough

"Who was the toughest man you ever faced?" I asked. Without hesitation he answered, "Bob Petit of the St. Louis Hawks."

Kenny, still unattached at 25, spends his off season in California, where he waterskis and plays basketball.

"Do you have any special suggestion for me to bring back to Fort Hamilton's basketball team?" I put in.

"I think your players may be interested in the great transition from college basketball to professional. The professional team of five consists of virtuosos. Each man excels in shooting. Professional basketball is more tiring since the men play at least seventy games a season. The periods are two minutes longer than college periods and four minutes longer than high school. This partially accounts for the higher pro-basketball scores."

I gave Kenny the name and address of my bootery shop, then gaily skipped home in my red shoes.

Smoking

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being circulated equally between boys and girls in the science classes. Each consists of thirteen questions for smokers, eight for non-smokers. Sample questions are: Do your friends smoke? Do your parents smoke? Do you have your parents' permission to smoke? When did you start smoking?

The conductors of the survey hope that some interesting facts about teenage smoking will become available, and that the results will have a useful influence on present and potential smokers.

Sports Deck

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High scorer for the seniors was Artie Jones, who tallied eighteen points. Other members of the team were: Ralph Aquino, Richard Conlin, Bob Cusack, Michael Desiano, Dominick De Mauro, Bill Dinu, Gerard Gavin, Paul Hagger, Alvin Kay, John Mongelli, John Railey, and Bob Russo.

Coach Praises Conte

According to Coach Kern, "William Conte, captain of the varsity quintet, should be commended for doing an excellent job in coaching and playing with the seniors." Later he said, "The seniors, as well as the very large crowd, conducted themselves with great decorum and propriety."

Minutemen Plan All-Day Trip

The Minutemen, under the supervision of Miss Janice Alberti and Mr. James Crowe, have decided upon the destination for their second trip of the season—an all day excursion to Mystic, Connecticut, or Pennsylvania.

During the past several months many spirited discussions have been held by the members on various topics, among these "Berlin—Divided City" and "The Outlook for the 1960 Elections."

A special report was given by Andris Rasmanis, president of the club, on "Middle East—Crossroads of the World." At another meeting Mr. Crowe projected his slides of the Brussels World's Fair.

Last year the Minutemen took a trip to West Point; the year before that, a trip to New Hope, Pennsylvania.

Senior Celebs

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Ivy: Howard Bass and Yolanda Sini; *Venus*: Helene Cuyulis; *Adonis*: Larry Valenti; *Class Actor and Actress*: Nicholas Stavriotis and Charlotte Greenberg.

Following the introduction of the senior celebrities by Senior Class President Richard Tomasetti, the Senior Band started the entertainment program with three rock-and-roll selections. The class singers, Dolores Celli and Edward Thompson, joined in a duet, *Too Young*.

Carlos Martinez, Class Musician, then entertained with *When the Saints Go Marching In*. Nick Stavriotis, Class Actor, and Charlotte Greenberg displayed their talents by performing a scene from the play *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder.

The entertainment was concluded with a rock-and-roll number played by the Dixielanders, one of the school bands, assisted by Heike De Blasio and Bill Murphy, who did a "wild" lindy.

Earl Ubell

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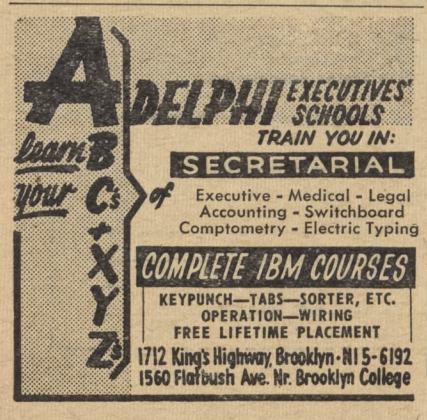
scientists to talk. They fear the ridicule of the reading public. Of course, there are always ways to get around this. My favorite is to tell them that they have an obligation to inform the public of what they are doing. This usually works."

Mr. Ubell believes that science should be taught from the first grade on, and that subjects like astronomy and anthropology should be part of the high school curriculum. He believes that good students today can easily do twice as much work. "All they need is energy and ambition," he remarked. Mr. Ubell certainly has these qualities, for he taught himself trigonometry and solid geometry in high school and passed the Regents with flying colors.

Mr. Ubell's articles appear with considerable regularity in the *Herald Tribune*, and although he is only in his early 30's, he commands great respect among a large and growing following of readers.